Action taken on resolutions of the Azhikode—Methala Panchayat.

394. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state what final action has been taken regarding each of the resolutions of the Azhikode-Methala Panchayat quoted by the Government during the last two meetings ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Vide answer to question No. 179 of the Vrischigam Session of the Council. A list containing further available information is also appended. (*Appendix V*).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Item No. 1—Appendix V—May I know Sir, whether the work was finished only since the resolution was brought to the notice of the Government?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The work was finished after the resolution was sent to the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—So no action has been taken thereon?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The work was in considerable progress.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what respective actions the Chief Engineer has taken on the resolutions about which it is said that the matter was referred to the Chief Engineer, viz., the Arappu thodu and the Perum thodu ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I went to the Arappu thodu at the time when there were complaints and I did the necessary things to mitigate the effects caused by the blocking up of the thodu. I think the channel was constructed to drain the water. As regards the Perum thodu there were no funds to do any work.

Construction of a Panchayat road in Kattur.

395. Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received a petition from the inhabitants of Kattur praying for a Panchayat road leading from the Karanchira Ferry to the Thazhakkat Bazaar ;

(b) whether they are aware that people of this locality (from the Karanchira ferry up to the Thazhakkat Bazaar) will be completely cut off during rainy season and especially during floods for want of a road near by ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) Yes.

(b) No. They will not be completely cut off as there is the Parayankadavu road which connects Thazhakkat. A short cut may however be useful. It will be taken up if lands are surrendered free.

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Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—(b). May I know whether the works can be taken up next year?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I do not think we will be able to take up the works next year.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—What is the length of the road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—A mile and a half.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Is it not a centre of business in the locality?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—What is the distance from Karanchira to Thazhakkad?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—About two miles.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Is the Government satisfied of the usefulness of the road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Government are satisfied that the road will be useful, but it is not of such a pressing necessity as to spend large amount of money at this time of financial stringency.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—What will be the approximate amount necessary?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—On a rough calculation it comes to about Rs. 10,000.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—If lands are surrendered free?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Lands cost only Rs. 1,500. There are two big culverts to be built and it is a place subject to floods and therefore rigid precautionary measures will have to be taken. Government may not be able to find funds next year.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Am I to understand that Government will not take it up?

Mr. P. V Raphael.—It means only that it cannot be taken up now.

Expending the Ophthalmic section of the Trichur Civil Hospital.

396. Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has any idea of expanding the Ophthalmic section of the Trichur Civil Hospital in the near future;

(b) whether Government has realised the urgency for the same?

Dr. D. Reghavendra Rao.—(a) Improvements in this direction have been included in the General Scheme of Improvement to the Civil Hospital, Trichur, but when they will be

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